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ward the woman. "Here," she said kindly. Then, with nod to the expectant footman, who



on which she had scribbled her address. "Turn it over." as the girl seemed belips.

ber hand.

wildered. A low cry broke from the red "Oh," she stammered, while the color

beauty of a rich velvety red. ly. Humason laid a visiting card in Jack shook his head. "Anyhow she should not hesitate for "Look!" he said. It was the card upmoment. She should take the man ahe loves."

"And be poor and miserable all her life?" inquired Betty mischievously. "Not miserable, but poor and happy, perfectly happy."

rumbled along the street. But the roses? There was only one rose now lying upon the table, only one, but its heavy perfume filled the whole room, and its heart glowed like a great ruby.

later the sound of carriage wheels





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WILL YOU LEND ME \$5?" SHE ASKED AB-

stood watching with severe disapproval, they were gone, while the woman, the slow tears welling into her tired eyes, turned steadily in the direction of the nearest ferry.

All through dinner and into the next day the woman's face haunted Miss Mallory with a strange persistency. She could not feel that she had done wrong. If ever person looked in need of help that woman had done so. The girl was coascious only of a regret for not having questioned her, tried to find out something about her that real had been an air about the stranger, suppliant though she was, which for-bade intrusion upon her personality. Lying near the window in the gathering dusk, Miss Mallory let her fancy

wander whither it would, wondering a little at the odd tangle in her thoughts which seemed somehow to link this woman to Roland Humason, and then, looking up, she saw him coming across the room to her. For a moment she

"The butler told me that I should find you here," he exclaimed in a glad voice. "Oh, how good it is to see you again!" The girl, recovering, drow her bands owny.

"How do you do?" she said, with of Charlotte, is now limiting his work chilly civility. The man's expression changed

"Pardon me," he returned more formally. "The excitement of being bere must have gone to my head." Miss Mallory's lip curled.

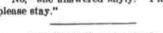
"There can hardly be much excite ment in doing what you could have done any day in the last three years," she declared a bit disdatafully. Humason's color deepened

years ago my father died," he added.

was in a hurry. I thought that it was one of father's. I"- Her confusion increased pitiably. But the man's strong clasp had again caught the fluttering little hands

"I thought that if you had cared enough to carry a man's card in your cardcase for three years that you must have cared a little for the man himself," he said eagerly. "Was 1 wrong, sweetheart? Are you going to send me away again?"

The girl, her eyes fixed on the betraying bit of pasteboard whereon in fine script ran the words, "Mr. Roland Humason," drooped her head. "No," she answered shyly. "Please-



Too Much For the Cook. He was a new waiter in a downtown restaurant, and after he had walted on a man who was seated at one of the tables the other noon he went behind the cold lunch counter to eat his own dinner. Presently he dropped down from his stool and whistled up the tube to the cook on the second floor. "Where's that pie I ordered?" he asked. "Hurry it up." The cook's reply could not be heard. He was evidentiy a suspicious cook, and he provoked the new walter. The volley the latter fired into the tin funnel sounded like a bunch of firecrackers going off

in a barrel. "Heavens!" he spluttered. "Did you think I wanted it for myself? I haven't been here long, but I've seen your ples. I haven't been disappointed in love, and I haven't got any domestic troubles. When I'm desperate, I'll take something easier to swallow than one of your ples. There's a customer here waiting for it. He's no friend of mine or I'd switch him off on to crackers and cheese. You'll know me better if I don't get dischaffged." The ple came down with a rattle, and the new waiter resumed his meal-Providence Journal.

> Gems and Their Days. In the old mystic books of the an-

cients it is found that they believed in the power of precious stones to bring good fortune through planetary affinities of certain days. They imagined that gems as well as metals were produced through the chemical operations of the planets working secretly in the body of the earth. Therefore certain tones must be worn on certain days of the week for good luck. The table of stones as given by the Hermetic brethren is as follows:

Sunday, the sun's day, gold and all vellow stor Monday, the moon's day, pearls and all white stones except diamon Tuesday, Mare' or Tyr's day, rubles.

Wednesday, Woden's day, sapphires and all blue stones. Thursday, Thor's day, garnet and all red stones except rubics. Friday, Freja's day, emeralds

Saturday, Saturn's day, diamonds,

Jack Winslow was watching his panion's face. Betty laughed. "Well," replied she, "perhaps you are

right after all. Here comes Frank Carlyle. A tall, slender young man walked leisurely up to Miss Betty's side, and, bowing slightly to Jack, he turned toward the picture.

"Well," :emarked he after a mo ment's silence, "she is in a fix, isn't and France choice of a favorite color, it seems to

"Not at all," replied Jack testily Which does she love best?" "Well"-Frank elevated his brows as though surprised-"isn't that about

me."

what I said? She has a chance to se lect her favorite now, and why doesn't she do it without so much trouble?" Betty, who had been silently admiring the picture during the conversation, now turned again toward her companions

"She is a girl you know?" "Yes," replied both of the young men it the same time.

"A girl," continued Betty, "has to wonder sometimes whether she knows her own mind or not. Here are two men. Both are kind and attentive to

the girl. Both offer her the best that he has to give. Both pay her the highest compliment that a man can pay to a woman, for each one in turn asks her to be his wife. Here, on the one hand, are riches, a life with every wish granted, a mother and father made comfortable, and a husband who loves and similar internal disorders, don't you. If she does not love him, she respects and admires him. On the other hand are a life of everiasting economy, a home where there may always be the necessities of life, but very few of the luxuries; a father and mother who must continue in their same circumstances, a little trip now At Shell's drug store. Price 50 cents. and then when there chances to be an

excursion, and a husband who loves you, who denies himself for you and whom you in your turn love. Which shall it be?"

Without a moment's hesitation both of the young men answered, "The man you love." Betty was twisting the chain of her

satchel around her finger. She laughed and shook her head when she heard the answer "Well, I see that you are both as

yet at the romantic age." "Are you?"

Frank Carlyle looked down into the fair, sweet face close beside him. Betty looked at Jack Winslow. He was frowning. Then, turning her face once acre toward Frank and looking mis-hievously sideways at Jack, she said, Who knows?'

Frank hughed and looked at his

ing first at Betty, then at Jack, "why, it's so benatly unpleasant 1 thought perhaps I might give you a lift in the

carrings."

First European Almanac

It is said that the first almanac printed in Europe was probably the Kalendarium Novum, by Regiomontanus. It was "calculated for the years 1475, 1494 and 1518." In Budapest It was published. Though it simply made mention of eclipses and the places of the planets for the respective years, it was sold for 10 crowns of gold and the entire impression was rapidly disposed of she? Pink or red; it's down to a in Hungary, Germany, Italy, England

> The first almanac-recorded as the first-known to have been printed in England was translated from the French and appeared in 1497. Each month introduces itself in descriptive verse, as:

Called I am Janeryere, the colde. In Christmas season good fyre I love. Songe Jesu, that sometime Judas solds. In me was circumcised for man's behave. Three Kinges sought the sonne of God They kneeled downe, dyd Him homage with love To God, their Lorde, that is man's own

brother And so on for the remaining months.

Don't Borrow Trouble.

It is a bad habit to borrow anything, but the worst thing you can possibly borrow, is trouble. When sick, sore, heavy, weary and wornout by the pains and poisons of dyspepsia, biliousness, Bright's drsease, sit down and brood over your symptoms, but fly for relief to Electric Bitters. Here you will find sure and permanent forgetfulness of all your troubles, and your body will not be burdened by a load of debt disease, Guaranteed

Indiana's Stringent Cigarette Law.

Goy. Hanley has signed the Parks anti-cigarette bill, which will go into effect in June. It prohibits any porson by himself, clerk, servant, employe, or agent, directly or indirectly, to manufacture, sell, exchange, barter, dispose of, give away, or keep for sale, cigarettes, cigarette paper, or cigarettes wrappers, or vny paper made or prepared for the purpose of being filled with tobacco for smoking or to keep or own, or be in any way concerned, engaged or employed in owning or keeping any such cigarette paper or wrappers.

For the first offense a fine not exseeding \$50 may be imposed, and for past 4," and he. "Well, a second one of six months, off. If you were going," look-\$500, or a jail sentence of six months, 4," said he. "Well, I a second offense a fine not exceeding may be imposed.

declined with thanks, Lenoir, N. C., DULA Jeweler-Optician



